

State Water Resources Control Board

October 29, 2018

(Via email and Certified Mail)
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Mr. Mel Laningham
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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS
LOCATED AT KINGS COUNTY EQUIPMENT YARD, 11827 SOUTH ELEVENTH
AVENUE, HANFORD**

Dear Mr. Laningham:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the USTs at your facility on October 18, 2018, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	Failure to Monitor Product Piping – The sensor in the unleaded under-dispenser containment (UCD) was raised. This violation was corrected at the time of inspection.	Unleaded	October 18, 2018	October 18, 2018	23 CCR 2630(d)
2	Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility – The Chief Financial Officer letter in CERS is dated March 14, 2017, and has the incorrect facility listed. This letter is required to be updated every 12 months.	All	March 15, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)(11)
3	Failure to Maintain Site Map – The site map in CERS does not show the location of sensors or piping.	All	October 18, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2632(d)(1)(C), 2711(a)(8)

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No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
4	Failure to Provide Valid State Board of Equalization Registration Number – The number provided in CERS is not valid.	All	October 18, 2018	Ongoing	H&SC 25286(c)(9)
5	Failure to Tag Monitoring Equipment – A monitoring certification tag was not affixed to the diesel and unleaded line leak detectors.	All	October 18, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2638(f)
6	Failure to Meet UDC Requirements – The diesel UDC #1 is smaller than the dispenser footprint and is not able to provide secondary containment for piping within the dispenser.	Diesel	October 18, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2636(g)

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and Kings County Environmental Health within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your Designated Operator make specific notations in the next monthly designated operator report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly designated operator report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

State Water Board

Mr. Joseph Lovesee
UST Enforcement Unit
Office of Enforcement
State Water Resources Control Board
801 K Street, Suite 2300
Sacramento, California 95814
joseph.lovesee@waterboards.ca.gov

Local CUPA

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330 Campus Drive
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Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5551, or by email at matthew.buffleben@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Matthew Buffleben
Supervising Water Resources Control Engineer
Acting Supervisor, UST Enforcement Unit
Office of Enforcement

cc: See next page.

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